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MEDICAID MEMO

TO: All Hospitals Participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program and Health Maintenance Organizations Providing Services to Virginia Medicaid Recipients

FROM: Dennis G. Smith, Director
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SUBJECT: Hospital-Based Ambulance Services Changes Effective January 1, 2001

MEMO	Special
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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding enrollment as a transportation provider for all hospital-based ambulance service providers seeking Medicaid reimbursement.

Effective with dates of service on or after January 1, 2001, all hospital-based ambulance service (air and ground) providers seeking Medicaid reimbursement must enroll with the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) as transportation providers. All transportation billings must be on the HCFA-1500 invoice using a DMAS assigned transportation provider number for the hospital. Coverage and billings for transportation services are otherwise described in the *DMAS Transportation Manual*. Hospitals listing ambulance revenue codes (540-549) on the UB-92 invoice will not be reimbursed for transportation services. Claims submitted with these revenue codes will be rejected for "Revenue Code Invalid/Not Covered." Hospital-based transportation providers must call 1-888-829-5373 for DMAS provider enrollment information.

COPIES OF MEDICAID MEMORANDA AND PROVIDER MANUALS

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786-6273	Richmond area
1-800-552-8627	All other areas

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